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NSC review(s) completed.

6 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 5 February 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles,  
Mr. Gray, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner,  
Mr. Smith, Mr. Stassen, Mr. Staats

1. Leak on Soviet Missile Launching

Mr. Quarles raised the subject of the story by Jack Raymond in the NEW YORK TIMES of January 31, about the missile recently launched by the Soviets. There was general discussion of how leaks of this sort occur and what steps might be taken to prevent their happening in the future. Mr. Dearborn said that he had had under consideration the possibility of an inspired leak on this subject, in order to blunt the effect of a later announcement by the Soviets that they had achieved another scientific success; however, the Raymond story had made such an inspired leak useless. Mr. Dearborn said that he had made a report to the White House, as a possible aid in discovering where the leak had originated. Mr. Quarles said that Defense had not made a report of this nature. The result of the discussion was inconclusive as to where the responsibility should lie for pulling together an over-all investigation.

2. Indonesia

Mr. Cutler produced a report on problems in Indonesia, which he implied had been prepared by an interagency committee, within the past day or two. None of the others present had seen the report. (Note: later investigation made it clear that this was a State draft which had not yet been coordinated with other agencies. The Far East Division of DDP/CIA had received it only the night before and had not the opportunity to study it or comment.) Mr. Dulles then gave a summary of the situation in Indonesia, stating among other things, that it appears the Sumatran dissidents plan to deliver an

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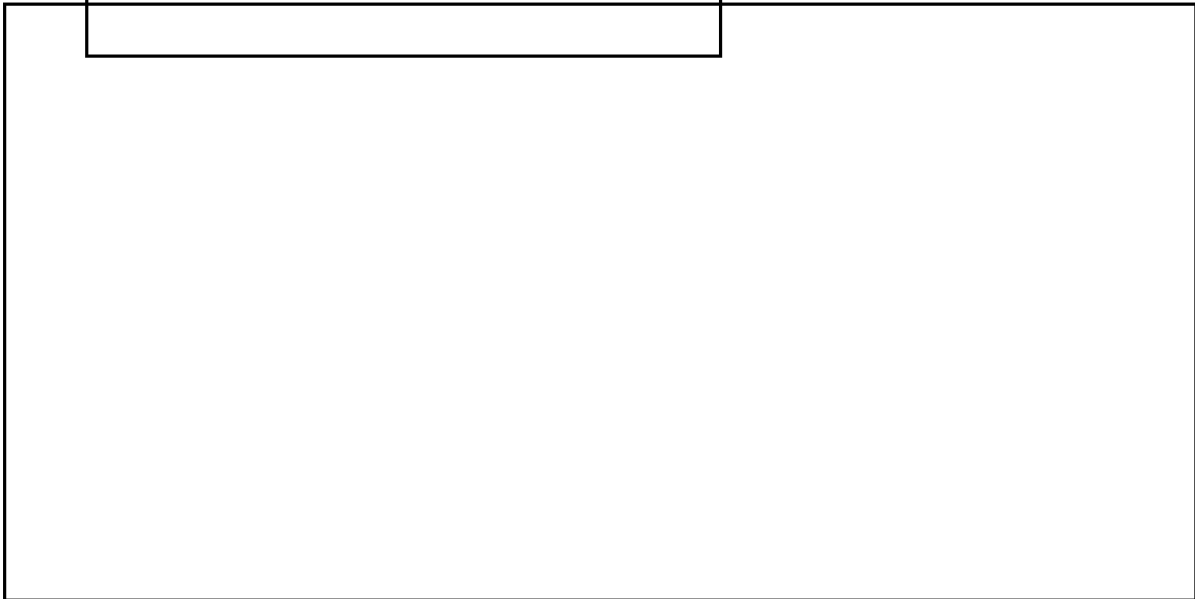
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ultimatum to the Central Government by the 7th of February. Mr. Dulles pointed out that should the ultimatum be accepted it would raise a great many new problems, not only in Indonesia but with regard to U.S. Government policies as well; however, he believed it unlikely that the Central Government could accept such an ultimatum.

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5. Possible Danger in Connection with Nuclear Weapons

Various ramifications of the possibility of danger from explosions which might occur in connection with nuclear weapons were again discussed. Mr. Quarles noted that the Board had taken a position in recent weeks that it is not necessary or desirable to make a public statement playing down the dangers which might arise, specifically with reference to a conventional explosion on an

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aircraft carrying nuclear weapons. He said that he thought this policy might represent a head-in-the-sand attitude and that in any case he thought we would be well advised not to establish it so rigidly that it could not be modified should conditions make it desirable to do so.

6. Okinawa

Mr. Murphy discussed what he termed an unfortunate situation existing in Okinawa. He said that the High Commissioner there, General Moore, appears to have imposed a sort of censorship on officers from other departments and agencies who are attached to his staff. He said that State, [ ] had been prevented from reporting significant aspects of recent political activities. In this connection he referred to the lack of reporting on the dismissal of the Mayor of Naha by the High Commissioner. He said if State officers were to be assigned to this Command he believed they should be free to report on political developments. It was recognized by the group that two kinds of reports could be involved--those involving command decisions which General Moore had made or proposes to make, and factual reporting on the political situation. There was no question that the first category came entirely within the purview of the High Commissioner but it was felt that political reports should be made jointly by the members of the military staff plus State, [ ]

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7. Aircraft for Central Government of Indonesia

There was a discussion of the situation regarding shipment of Grumman airplanes to the government of Indonesia. It was pointed out that one airplane was shipped in November and another in December, and that it was not yet clear whether a third had gone in January. The total on order comes to eight. Mr. Becker, General Counsel of the State Department, is examining the situation to see what steps can legally be taken to prevent the shipping of the remaining five or six aircraft. One of the difficulties is that all have been paid for. The President of Grumman is scheduled to confer with State Department officials on this matter in the near future.

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